Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 7 and 8 as indicated below and add new claims 9-11. Claims 1-11 are now pending.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An optical receiver for receiving an optical signal from a plastic optical fiber, said optical receiver comprising:

first photodetecting means, having a first photosensitive region, for outputting a first elecric signal corresponding to ~~said signal light~~ the optical signal detected by said first photosensitive region;

second photodetecting means, having a second photosensitive region disposed externally close to a periphery of said first photosensitive region, for outputting a second electric signal corresponding to ~~said signal light~~ the optical signal incident on said second photosensitive region;

a lens arranged on said first photodetecting means;

signal amplifying means for amplifying, according to a predetermined operating current or operating voltage, said first electric signal outputted from said first photodetecting means; and

current control means for controlling, according to said second electric signal outputted from said second photodetecting means, said operating current or operating voltage supplied to said signal amplifying means.

Claim 2 (original): An optical receiver according to claim 1, wherein said current control means controls said operating current or operating voltage such that said operating current or operating voltage is supplied to said signal amplifying means when said second electric signal is at a predetermined reference value or higher.

Claim 3 (original): An optical receiver according to claim 1, wherein said first photosensitive region of said first photodetecting means is substantially circular; and

wherein said second photosensitive region of said second photodetecting means has a form surrounding said periphery of said first photosensitive region.

Claim 4 (original): An optical receiver according to claim 1, wherein said first photosensitive region of said first photodetecting means is substantially circular; and

wherein said second photosensitive region of said second photodetecting means has a plurality of separated detecting portions arranged along said periphery of said first photosensitive region.

Claim 5 (original): An optical receiver according to claim 1, wherein said first and second photodetecting means are formed on a single substrate.

Claim 6 (original): An optical receiver according to claim 1, wherein said first and second photodetecting means, said signal amplifying means, and said current control means are formed on a single substrate.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A ~~holdinportionparatus~~ holding apparatus for an optical receiver according to claim 1, said ~~holdinportionparatus~~ holding apparatus comprising:

first holding means for holding an output end for outputting ~~signal light~~ the optical signal

having a divergence greater than said first photosensitive region; and

second holding means for holding said optical receiver ~~according to claim 1~~ such that said first photosensitive region is positioned on an optical axis of ~~said signal light~~ the optical signal.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method of arranging an optical receiver according to claim 1, said method comprising:

a first arranging step of arranging an output end for outputting ~~signal light~~ the optical signal having a divergence greater than said first photosensitive region; and

a second arranging step of arranging said optical receiver ~~according to claim1~~ such that said first photosensitive region is positioned on an optical axis of ~~said~~ the optical signal ~~light~~.

Claim 9 (new): An optical receiver according to claim 1, further comprising a mold part for molding said first and second photodetecting means.

Claim 10 (new): An optical receiver according to claim 9, further comprising a receptacle for accommodating said mold part and the plastic optical fiber.

Claim 11 (new): An optical receiver according to claim 9, wherein said lens is a semispherical lens part formed on a surface of said mold part.